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Employers Affected by Fires in Santa Barbara and Ventura Counties Are Eligible for Extension on Filing Employment Tax Reports

SACRAMENTO – Employers in Santa Barbara and Ventura Counties who were directly affected by damage resulting from the recent Zaca fire may request up to a 60-day extension to file their state payroll reports and deposit state payroll taxes with the Employment Development Department (EDD) without penalty or interest.

State payroll taxes include Unemployment Insurance, Employment Training Tax, State Disability Insurance, and California Personal Income Tax. EDD encourages employers with any questions to visit EDD's Web site at www.edd.ca.gov/eddemerdisaster.htm or call the EDD Taxpayer Assistance Center at 1-888-745-3886.

Employers must send EDD a detailed letter, along with the previously unfiled report(s) and payment(s), stating the reason why they had not been submitted in a timely manner. For the report(s) and payment(s) to be accepted as timely, the employer's letter must request an extension of time under *Section 1111.5* of the California Unemployment Insurance Code (CUIS). Employers should mail the letter and tax report or payment to the address specified on their filing form.

If an employer has already been charged a late filing or payment penalty that they believe may qualify for this extension, they should send their written request to:

EDD
P.O. Box 826846, MIC 3A
Sacramento, CA 94246-0001

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